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C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b) and (c) to bring to the attention of the Examiner the
documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This IDS is being filed after three months of the filing date, but on
information and belief before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits or a
notice of allowance.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in
the attached communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form, and returning the form to the undersigned.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

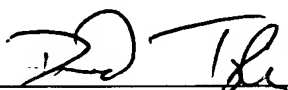
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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus return of a copy of the herewith Form PTO 1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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